

**EDINBURGH PSA**  
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**Edinburgh PSA Annual General Meeting  
Minutes**

**Meeting:** October 1 2015

Jacqui Roye, Director PSA  
Amy Candoleta, Treasurer  
Lisa Makovsky, Secretary  
Karen Laham, President  
Matthew Smith

Ilan Rose  
J.J. Heisler  
Gino. Di Fazio  
Dave Blake  
Marcia Thorpe (sp?)

**In attendance:**

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 19:01

**2. Meeting Agenda:** Meeting Agenda was proposed by A.Candoleta and seconded by L.Makovsky

**3. Adoption of minutes:** Minutes of the last AGM was proposed K. Laham and seconded by A.Candoleta.

**4. Acceptance of Executive Director's Report:** The Executive Director's Report was read and submitted for acceptance.

The report generated several discussion items and questions from the audience. The main discussion centered on a Parent's desire to have more visibility and knowledge of the staff and activities as part of the PSA after school program. Specifically what the staff teach and better description of the individual programs. Discussion took place with some possible ideas/suggestions: Video Record some of the classes, teachers, and portions of the program, and make available on PSA website/youtube for parents to view. Pros and cons to be evaluated more fully. Another option was to hold an open house where parents could come and watch classes on going; the obvious difficulty was being able to gather the various staff who work various days of the week to be available on the same day after regular school hours. On going evaluation to be held. I.Rose offered idea of video taping the end of year show so that prospective parents could at least view the show from prior year(s) to view end result (once again privacy issues arose)- On going evaluation to be held by PSA board.

It was moved by I.Rose that the Executive Director's Report be accepted as read, and seconded by K.Laham.

**5. Approval of last year's financial statements:** The financial statements were distributed and some explanations were provided. Several questions were posed and answered.

It was moved by M.Smith and seconded by A.Candoleta to approve last year's financial statements.

**6. Approval of Current Year's Budget:** The Budget was distributed, reviewed, with questions and answers, and discussion taking place.

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by M. Thorpe to approve the current year's budget.

**7. Priorities for the Edinburgh PSA:** It was explained that the PSA generally makes a donation to the benefit of the school each year. New Gym benches were purchased in the past as previous benches were splintering and causing splinters in children. Ideas for next donation include replacement of couches in Teacher's Lounge, since they are very old, cloth, and even though get cleaned, are probably quite dirty since they get used by students who are sick during after school. New couches with a better material would be better suited and much easier to clean.

There have been requests to improve or renovate the bathrooms. This is a high priority but PSA has been told that the school, or the school board, won't let PSA do this since this is an infrastructure issue and must go through the school board. Several parents were not happy with this barrier being put up by the school or school board saying that if we, or anyone, can help improve the school they did not understand why the school would be opposed. A parent suggested that parents should take the issue directly to the Ministry of Education as an example of something akin to a public private partnership and lack of support by the school and school board for cooperative thinking. All the above will be considered and discussed at next meetings, and a request was made that other suggestions for donations that benefit the school, the students, and the students of PSA be brought forward over the next weeks.

**8. Varia.** As part of the previous discussion, a sub discussion evolved as parents pressed for understanding as to why there seemed to be a disconnect between the PSA goals and the School and School Board's cooperative working relationship. Some discussion as to last year's School Board push to bring in their BASE program and the political environment around that, was brought up and discussed.

**9. Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM